Air traffic capacity of Indira Gandhi Intematioal Airport

994. PROF. VDAY KUMAR MAL-HOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi International Airport (JGIA) is handling more air traffic than its capacity;

(b) if so, what is the optimal handling capacity of the IGIA and how much trafic has it been handling in the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to restrict the aircraft handling to the laid down capacity?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increasing of fare by IA and domestic airlines

995. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

fa) whether the Indian Airlines and other domestic airlines have any plan to increase the air fares;

(b) if so, the details of the fares increased/proposed to be increased; and

(c) the decision taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) At present Indian Airlines has no proposal to increase *its* domestic Rupee Fare. However, Indian Airlines proposes to re-fix its Dollar Fare at 15 per cent above the Rupee Fare (including Passenger Fee and Inland Air Travel Tax) for each sector. The average increase *in* the Dollar Fare would be around 6 per cent. Private operators are free to fix their fares.

Tourist traffic

996. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CTVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage growth in tourism during 1992, 1993 and 1994 year-wise indicating the actual volume of tourist traffic registered during each year; and

(lb) how it compared with the growth in global tourism during these years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The percentage growth in tourist traffic to India during last three years as com-jpared to global trends is as given below:—

Year	Tourist arrivals in India	%Change	World tourist arrivals (000)	%Change
1991	16,77,508	—	463209	—
1992	18,67,651	11.3	502899	8.6
1993	17,64,830	—5.5	512939	2.0
1994	18,86,433	6.9	528400	3.0